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Premier hasn't changed mind about hearing

WATERSIDE Premier Rodney MacDonald said he still plans to seek intervenor status when Armour Group's Waterside Centre goes to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for appeal.

Armour chairman Ben McCrea said he will oppose any intervention at the hearing. While MacDonald said he respects Armour's position, he hasn't changed his mind about participating.

A date for the hearing hasn't been finalized.

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Talking politics

Paul Martin looks back on his time in office

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**Paul Martin doesn't like
the direction politics is
heading.**

Attack ads have gotten out of control, fuelling voter apathy, the former prime minister told Metro Halifax yesterday.

Of course, Martin, who led Canada from 2003-2006, used attack ads of his own in two elections

against Stephen Harper. For that he has some regrets.

"I don't like negative ads," he said.

"I think they contribute enormously to the cynicism that's out there. But you're right, I did do them. And unfortunately, they do have a certain effect."

He thinks Stéphane Dion's election chances were largely killed by early attacks by Stephen Harper that stuck. Martin hopes this will change.

"I cannot believe the American ads. I've seen them get worse and worse and worse. I think at some point they're going to rebound against the people

who use them," he said.

Martin is in Halifax promoting his new autobiography, *Hell or High Water: My Life In and Out of Politics*.

His insights can be surprising. He brushed away the suggestion of prime minister being a nerve-racking job, saying he didn't feel stressed at all. He expressed regret that the Liberals didn't do more for the environment when he was finance minister.

But he also lambasted Harper for cutting sales tax, frittering away a \$12 billion surplus and leaving Canada vul-

nerable to the current financial turmoil.

"Financial crises are the rule, not the exception," he said. "The world is so connected now."

When asked his single largest regret from his time in politics, he thought back to his long and well-known rivalry with his predecessor, Jean Chretien.

"I wish that ... it would have benefitted the party if Jean Chretien and I hadn't had the differences that we did," he said.

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Former prime minister Paul Martin speaks with Metro Halifax at the Delta Barrington yesterday.

Light-hearted lightning round

Metro: Jean Chretien famously said we may one day see him with a joint in his hand after he retires. Could we expect the same from you?

PM: No, because I don't smoke.

Metro: If you could declare war on one country, which one would you choose?

PM: I wouldn't.

Metro: If Quebec separated, would you run to be its Prime Minister?

PM: It won't.

Metro: Who would win in a

fight, you or Jean Chretien?

PM: Uh, I'm not going to get into that.

Metro: Poutine or donair?

PM: Ah. Well, it depends. Poutine if I'm in Quebec and donair if I'm in Nova Scotia ... you know, they don't have donairs in Central Canada.

Metro: Yeah, why didn't you pass a law to make donairs mandatory across the country?

PM: Well, OK. If I ever go back to public life I'll do that.

Metro: If you knew you could get away with it, would you egg Stephen Harper's house?

PM: (Laughter) No, because I

lived there.

Metro: If they were to make a movie of your life, who would you want to play you?

PM: (Yells to aide) Lucy, who should play me? Brad Pitt or George Clooney? (Lucy says George Clooney.) There you go.

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MacDonald Bridge closed Sunday morning

Avoid the MacDonald Bridge this Sunday morning. The Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission will be doing an emergency-preparedness exercise from 8 a.m. till noon, so the bridge will be closed. The MacKay Bridge will stay open. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



Buckle up — or pay up

Halifax Regional Police and RCMP traffic officers wrote 1,541 summary offence tickets in the Halifax area in October. They focused on seat belt use, but only 145 of the tickets were for seatbelt violations. This month, they're asking drivers to slow down in bad weather and put on snow tires.

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Bush's Halifax speech was a test for Martin

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POLITICS Imagine working with George Bush.

Part of the territory is getting upstaged and annoyed, former Prime Minister Paul Martin told Metro yesterday.

"I talked to Tony Blair about this same thing. This is not untypical of U.S. presidents. That's not only George Bush," he said.

It was in Halifax that Martin had his patience tested. At the time, the United States was trying to get Canada to buy into missile defense, but Martin was resisting. In his new autobiography, *Hell or High Water*, he wrote:

"I simply said he should not count on our support for (ballistic missile defense) and reminded him of the agreement not to discuss the matter publicly. And then we moved on.

"The next day, at a speech in Halifax, however, Bush turned up the pressure, publicly urging us to get on board. That was a clear violation of our agreement ... and it infuriated me."

Martin said he worked with Bush for years, mostly successfully. The Halifax speech was an isolated incident for him, but he's spoken to leaders such as Blair, Gordon Brown and former president of France Jacques Chirac, who agree these things happen when dealing with U.S. presidents.

The Bush administration was also the lone country to block Martin's personal passion project of a G20 meeting. That group will finally meet tomorrow in Washington to discuss global recession.

"It would have been a lot better if it'd been set up earlier, but normally these things take a crisis," said Martin.

'Fruitful stream' of talent

Job fair designed for international students and new graduates

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International students Xia Wang and Xing Ling Tao are young and bright. They already have masters in business administration from Saint Mary's University. And they want to stay in Halifax.

But they can't find jobs, and the pressure is on.

Both young women say they will have to move back to China unless they can get a job in the next year-and-a-half.

Wang, 23, has already applied for 30 jobs and hasn't gotten one interview.

Tao has applied for about 20 without any success.

She says she feels disappointed and is losing confidence in herself.

Both are thinking of heading to Toronto to look for work.

"There is more chance of work there," Wang said.

They were among about 500 people who attended the province's first job fair for new immigrants, international graduates and students yesterday.

Part of the reason why



Shani Abdulmajeed speaks with Metro Halifax at the Hire International Skills job fair yesterday.

it's so tough for international students to find work is due to a federal government policy. Permanent residents or Canadian

citizens have priority over international students, said Elizabeth Mills, executive director of Nova Scotia's Office of Immigration.

International students have three years to find a job after graduation and if they do, they can apply for permanent residency through the province's nominee program, she added.

What's disappointing, Mills says, is that she's heard anecdotally from employers that international students leave the province after receiving their permanent residency.

Fred Morley, executive vice-president of the Greater Halifax Partnership, one of the various partners who helped organize yesterday's job fair, says international students are a "fruitful stream" of young talent. Employers should take advantage of them, especially because they generally have fewer language barriers, have Canadian credentials and are already here.

"Let's take advantage of that," he said.

Morley said the partnership is soon launching a community networking program for newcomers and international students and graduates.

Cops ask for help to catch suspected bank robber

APPEAL Have you seen this man? He allegedly robbed a bank.

Police are asking for public assistance in identifying the man caught on surveillance tape.

Last Friday at 6:40 p.m., the suspect walked into the TD Canada Trust at 1475 Bedford Hwy. and

slipped a note to the teller. The note said he had a gun and wanted money.

He was given some cash and he left.

The suspect is described as a white man in his 40s, about 5'10" tall with a medium build.

Anyone recognizing the man, or with any information is asked to call Halifax Regional Police at 490-5016, or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

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No grumbling at the pumps

Dropping gas prices positive fallout of economic slowdown

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Halifax drivers are waking up to lower gas prices again this morning.

And according to a Calgary-based oil and gas industry analyst, the prices should keep falling in the near future.

"The trend is going to continue to be downwards because we haven't seen the end of soft demand for petroleum products and crude oil globally," said Michael Ervin, president of the refining and marketing consultants group MJ Ervin And Associates Inc. "But to what degree and how long, that isn't worth trying to predict."

The regulated gas price for regular self-serve was expected to drop to between 86.1 and 86.9 cents per litre last night in Halifax. That is a five-cent drop from yesterday's price of 91.1.

The drop is the latest reduction in prices at the pump across the Halifax Regional Municipality. In fact, only two months ago, the price of regular self serve gasoline in Halifax had ballooned to \$1.43 per litre.

"I think it's a good thing — a great thing. It's about time," said Halifax's David Paris as he filled up his vehicle at the Esso station on



Robert MacQuarrie of Halifax fills up yesterday at the Esso gas station at the intersection of Young and Robie. Gas prices fell around five cents per litre this morning.

Robie Street yesterday afternoon. "Too bad it wasn't in the summer when more people were travelling."

This new price will mark the first time in several years that the cost of

gas had fallen below the 90-cent per litre range for Halifax.

Another industry analyst told Metro Halifax yesterday he expects the price at the pump to con-

tinue dropping until the economy shows signs of life, which means even cheaper gas is possible next week.

"When I started driving, I remember it being in the

60s," Halifax's Rob MacQuarrie said about gas prices as he filled up his 1998 BMW 328X yesterday. "I don't think it will get that low again. It might get in the low 80s."

N.S. workers in 'low-wage ghetto': Study

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EMPLOYMENT Nova Scotia is a "low-wage ghetto," according to a co-author of a report released today.

Larry Haiven, a professor at Saint Mary's University, said the report he wrote for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives shows while productivity has increased over the past 20 years, Nova Scotia's wages are lagging far behind.

"If workers have been contributing to an overall productivity increase then what have they gotten out of it? The answer is nothing."

Workers are actually making less than they did 20 years ago, he said.

Nova Scotia has the third-highest amount of low-paid workers in the country after P.E.I. and Newfoundland and Labrador. This province also has the third lowest hourly wage, just above New Brunswick and Newfoundland and Labrador.

"We're a low-wage ghetto in Canada and I think employers have gotten used to that."

It's part of a Canadian disease that's even worse in Nova Scotia, he added.

"Employers should be investing more in research and development, worker training and technology."

And women — who generally make less than men — are proportionately affected.

Earnings used to follow productivity but the two became uncoupled in the early 1990s, Haiven said. The common belief in the business community and in the general public is Nova Scotian workers are not very productive and get paid way too much.

"Our goal (of the report) is to buck the myth," Haiven said.

"We work just as hard and as smart as anyone in the country and yet we don't get the benefit of it."

But if workers are more productive at low wages, and the province's economic growth is healthy, who's getting the money? Haiven said they crunched the numbers and realized it's the business owners who are cashing in.

"What's happened is none of it's going to labour, on average, and all of it is going to business owners."

Overtime

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Charity helps Belize to heal

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When an American tourist started choking in a restaurant in San Pedro, Belize, someone knew just what to do.

And that's thanks to a Halifax-based charity, Bandage International, that trains people in first aid.

John Gillis and a team of health workers just returned from their sixth training trip to Belize.

While there, he heard a few stories of how students applied their new skills. One student saved a choking tourist in a restaurant, and others attended to a woman who fell out of a coconut tree. She broke her pelvis so the responders stabilized her and made a backboard out of some wood that was lying around.

"They saved her from a much more serious in-

jury," Gillis said.

It was their most productive trip yet: the team trained 197 people in first aid and CPR between Oct. 26th and Nov. 3rd. That's double the number of people they taught the last time.

Gillis said they had a bigger medical team and went to more parts of the country.

"By getting the word out and getting advertisements in the local paper people know we're coming," he said.

"We're trying to get these skills out into the community."

John Gillis,

Bandage International

"We're trying to get these skills out into the community so more people are trained and also the people we've trained before are trained to a higher level."

Belize is a small country with some good doctors, but there's a serious lack of emergency responders, Gillis said.

"We very much take for granted here there's an ambulance around every



A group of students from Hopkins, Belize practice CPR during an Oct. 27 session. A team from Halifax-based Bandage International just returned from the Central American country on another mission to train emergency responders.

corner and everybody is trained in first aid, but that's not the case there. Often the first responder is all that's available."

Their students are work-

ers in the tourism, diving, and airline industries, as well as police officers and firefighters.

Plans are already in the works for trip number sev-

en in the spring. Gillis said the group is hoping to reach their fundraising goals for the voyage by then. The last trip cost \$20,000.

Elderly man killed after collision on Highway 101

DEATH An elderly man was killed in a collision on Highway 101 near Mount Denson, Hants County yesterday.

RCMP say a car was pulling a U-turn when it was hit by a transport truck heading in the same direction at 11:20 a.m.

The car's driver was killed. The driver of the transport truck wasn't injured but he was distraught.

The preliminary investigation is suggesting that driver inattention was a factor in the crash.

RCMP are not releasing the the man's name until his family has been notified.

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Trailer Park Boys, from left, Julian, Bubbles and Ricky, will retire their characters after the release of Countdown to Liquor Day.

Freedom '09

Trailer Park Boys to release second movie next fall, then say goodbye

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The Trailer Park Boys will soon be no more.

After seven successful seasons, the cult favourite Canadian mockumentary TV series set in a fictional Nova Scotia trailer park is coming to an end in the fall of next year.

Creator Mike Clattenburg broke the news yesterday in a blog posting on the Showcase website. There will be a one-hour TV special on Showcase Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11 p.m., followed by a sequel to their hit movie which will hit Canadian theatres in October, 2009.

But after that, it's so long to Ricky, Julian, Bubbles and the rest of the Sunnyvale gang.

"Yes, it's the end of Trailer Park Boys," Clattenburg wrote on his blog. "Our fans have been so supportive and inspiring that we wanted you to be the first to know.

"Much love and thanks from all of us at Sunnyvale Trailer Park."

Trailer Park Boys began in 2001 and quickly gained a cult following with the lead trio of Robb Wells (Ricky), John Paul Tremblay (Julian) and Mike Smith (Bubbles) becoming Canadian stars. The series revolves around Ricky, Julian and Bubbles as they continually screw up get-rich-quick schemes while being followed by a documentary film crew.

Trailer Park Boys became the highest-rated Canadian show on specialty TV in 2004, and that same year, also won the Gemini Award for Best Comedy Series. In 2005, it won the Gemini for Best Ensemble Performance in a Comedy Series.

Clattenburg released the Genie-nominated film Trailer Park Boys: The Movie in 2006. The working title for the sequel is Countdown To Liquor Day.



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Hernia patients to get military treatment

Surgery with a salute: Halifax-area hernia patients will soon be able to get their surgeries done at CFB Halifax. The military will sign a memorandum of understanding today to allow Capital Health to use its medical facilities for hernias and other minor procedures. **METRO HALIFAX**

Drunk driving arrests spur police warnings

Three suspected incidents over two days

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Three suspected drunk driving incidents in the last two days have police warning people to leave the car home if they plan to drink.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said police will be out in full force over the holiday season conducting check points and looking for impaired drivers.

They're asking people to call 9-1-1 if they spot a drunk driver.

Three people are facing impaired driving charges

9-1-1 The number police are asking citizens to call if they see a suspected drunk driver.

following three separate incidents over the last few days.

The first happened Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. when police stopped a car in Ship Harbour on Highway 7. A 32-year-old was arrested after showing signs of impairment.

Just after 2 a.m. yesterday, police responded to a complaint of a drunk driver and found a car smashed into a power pole on Highway 2 in

Grand Lake.

The driver, a 23-year-old man, was lying on the road. He was taken to the hospital by ambulance with unknown injuries.

At about the same time, police were called to another crash in Cow Bay where the driver wedged his car between a power pole and the guide wire.

The driver, a 49-year-old man, was not injured, but was arrested after showing signs of impairment.

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N.S. paramedics to vote on latest offer

UNION The province's 750 paramedics reached an agreement with EMC Medical Care Inc. Wednesday.

The first offer was rejected by the International

Union of Operating Engineers and both sides went back to another day of conciliation.

The union's bargaining committee accepted the lat-

est offer at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and is recommending it to its members who will vote on it over the next few weeks.

METRO HALIFAX

Sport stacking **Global effort for Guinness record**



Jessica Young-Smith, a primary student at Colby Village Elementary School, takes part in a school-wide Guinness record sport stacking attempt yesterday. Colby Village and other schools across the globe joined to try to set the record for most people sport stacking in various locations on one day.

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Crash report still far from complete

FOX HARB'R It's going to be some time before a report into last November's plane crash at Fox Harb'r is made public.

"The draft report is still being finalized. As such we really can't estimate a time frame for its release," Chris Krep-ski of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada said Monday. Last Nov. 11, a plane, carrying Tim Hortons co-founder Ron Joyce, crashed upon landing at the resort's private airstrip.

THE AMHERST DAILY NEWS

"The draft report is still being finalized."

Chris Krep-ski

Citadel Preparing for the finals



The Citadel Phoenix football team practises drills at the Halifax Commons yesterday. Citadel plays the Cobequid Cougars in the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation Championship on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Huskies Stadium.

ERIN MACDONALD/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Third officer charged with harassment

Cape Breton Regional Police Service has had a third officer accused of harassment.

Const. James Lloyd Riggs, 40, of High Street, North Sydney, has been charged with two counts of criminal harassment and one count of trespassing at night.

The offences are alleged to have occurred between July 1 and Nov. 3.

Riggs, a 15-year veteran of the force, is scheduled to appear in provincial court Jan. 26.

He has been suspended with pay and an internal

Police Act investigation is being conducted.

Earlier this year, regional police charged Const. Jason Doyle, 30, with criminal harassment involving a young Sydney woman, and later charged him with a second similar offence involving a woman from Dutch Brook.

In addition to these pending criminal charges, David Wilson, who was chief of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service at the time, is being investigated for harassment.

THE CAPE BRETON POST

Conditional sentence for sexual assault

GUILTY A 34-year-old man has been given a three-month conditional sentence to be served in the community after pleading guilty to one count of sexual assault.

John Travis Druhan, 34, sexually assaulted the sleeping 14-year-old daughter of a female friend more than a year ago.

The victim, now 15, told the court her life has been changed by the incident; her grades have suffered, her social life is gone and she rarely leaves her mother's side.

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Druhan will also be on probation for 18 months.

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World-famous primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall is expected to receive two honorary doctorates in Toronto this week, with the first degree being awarded last tonight by the University of Toronto. Goodall, 74, is also scheduled to receive a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Haifa at a fundraising dinner on Sunday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Canada



CBC probing Afghan arrests

The CBC has formally asked Afghan authorities for more details on the detainment of two Afghan employees who were working with journalist Mellissa Fung, left, when she was abducted last month, CBC News publisher John Cruickshank said yesterday. Fung, 35, was released on Saturday after spending 28 days in captivity by what she described as a "family business" of kidnappers eager to "finish her case" and get paid a ransom. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Violence linked to mental health: Study

An architect of a long-awaited probe into youth violence says he was struck by how big a role mental health plays in the issue and is urging the government to address the problem now, despite the faltering economy.

Former Liberal MPP Alvin Curling says that

over the 17 months he worked on the study, he was surprised to discover how many young people are traumatized and fearful.

"One of the main things was mental health — a high concern about mental health among our young people. We, in our society,

Immediate action

• Curling said the province must resist the temptation to put off dealing with the prob-

lem until financial times are good again — stressing the need for immediate action.

don't like to talk about it," said Curling.

The landmark "Roots of

Youth Violence" study by Curling and retired Ontario chief justice Roy Mc-

Murtry, released this morning, will recommend improving mental health services for young people and streamlining government departments to ensure better access to programs.

"Government must act. If you don't do it, it costs you more," Curling said

yesterday.

Commissioned by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty after the May 2007 shooting death of student Jordan Manners at a Toronto school, the report is a blueprint of what the province can do to combat youth violence.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vancouver politician denies Olympic leak

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Vancouver

POLITICS Allegations that Vancouver councillor Raymond Louie could have leaked internal city documents concerning a \$100-million loan to the Olympic Village developers are unfounded and libelous, the Vision politician said yesterday.

"I'm being attacked in a co-ordinated smear campaign," a visibly outraged Louie said. "I will not stand for my reputation being smeared and my character being tarnished."

He was referring to a Global TV news broadcast

aired on Wednesday night that said Louie was alone at city hall for an hour the evening sensitive documents, which went missing on Oct. 14, reappeared two days later.

"I'm being attacked in a co-ordinated smear campaign."

Raymond Louie

The details that were leaked to the media were of a meeting, in which council approved the Olympic Village loan.

Mayor Sam Sullivan and all city councillors said they'd be willing to take a lie detector test to prove they didn't leak the document.

Police said they haven't determine whether a crime occurred.

Liberal leadership Ignatieff to run



Liberal MP Michael Ignatieff arrives to a news conference with his wife Zsuzsanna Zsohar to announce his candidacy for the Liberal Party of Canada leadership yesterday. The Liberals will hold a leadership convention in Vancouver this spring. MPs Bob Rae and Dominic LeBlanc are also expected to run.

Quebec police detain man suspected in 1980s bombing

FRANCE A suspect in a bombing that killed four people outside a Paris synagogue in 1980 was arrested in Canada yesterday, the French Interior Ministry said.

Earlier, the website of the French magazine L'Express reported that Hassan Diab, a man of Palestinian origin in his 50s, had been arrested in the town of Gatineau, Que.

Two French judges issued an international arrest warrant against Diab earlier this month.

He is suspected of making and planting the bomb that killed three French people and an Israeli woman outside the synagogue in an upmarket area of Paris.

The RCMP confirmed the arrest but would not give any other details. **REUTERS**

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Twenty people were wounded in the bombing that killed three French people and one Israeli woman outside a synagogue.

News in brief

POLITICS The Liberals, NDP and the Bloc Québécois yesterday urged the federal government to bail out the ailing auto industry. The parties say the automakers will be in even

bigger danger if Ottawa does not respond to a planned \$25-billion aid package the U.S. is discussing. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said talks with the U.S. were ongoing. **REUTERS**

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Marches planned to protest rejection of gay marriage in California

The rejection of gay marriage by California voters has unleashed a hurricane of protest on the Internet, with some supporters venting their anger and others planning national demonstrations. Dozens of marches and meetings are planned for 1:30 p.m. EST tomorrow. **REUTERS**

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World



Interpol cracks down on drug ring

Authorities in nine countries have raided businesses suspected of supplying medicines illegally over the Internet in an unprecedented global swoop coordinated by Interpol, officials said yesterday. The operation involved dozens of locations in Britain, Germany, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland, Canada and the United States.

REUTERS

Obama's inauguration the hottest ticket ever?

Prices ranging up to \$10,000 for event

How much would you pay for a front row seat to history?

Tickets for the swearing-in ceremony of Barack Obama, who will become the United States' first black president on Jan. 20, are already being advertised for thousands of dollars.

There's just one small problem: the tickets are not publicly available, at least not yet. They will be released to the public only in the week before the ceremony, says the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

A packed house

- Some 240,000 tickets will be distributed through the offices of U.S. congressmen and senators for the swearing-in ceremony itself.

The committee is outraged that the tickets are being advertised for sale on online auction site eBay and other websites since they are meant to be free. One senator is even drawing up legislation to outlaw their sale.

eBay spokeswoman Nichola Sharpe said eBay

officials met members of the committee Wednesday and agreed to withdraw all ads for inauguration ceremony tickets.

eBay is currently advertising two tickets with a starting bid of \$10,000, while online ticket brokers stubhub.com, a unit of eBay, and stagefront.com are advertising tickets between \$1,400 and \$2,350.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to converge on Washington to watch Obama take the oath of office on the steps of the U.S. Capitol and address the nation. **REUTERS**

Russia Funeral for sub victims



Relatives grieve during a funeral for the victims of an accident on Russia's Nerpa submarine yesterday. Russian prosecutors said yesterday they had opened a criminal case against a sailor suspected of triggering the accident on the Russian nuclear submarine that killed 20 people.

Three new planets spotted

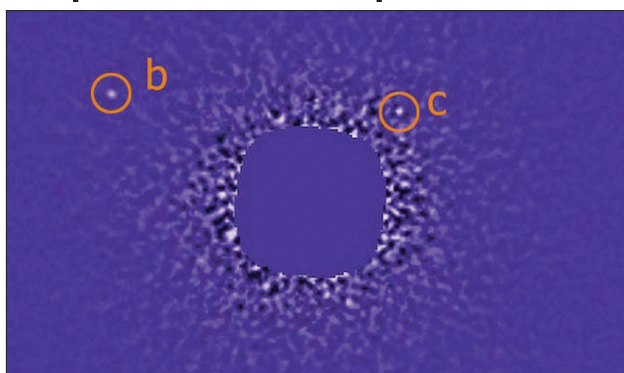
SCIENCE Telescopes on land have caught the first real visual images of multiple planets orbiting another star.

The orbiting Hubble Space Telescope has found its own planet, the first so-called exoplanet to be found purely visually.

One set of images shows three giant planets orbiting a star named HR8799 in the constellation Pegasus, about 130 light-years away from Earth. A light-year is the distance light travels in a year, or 6 trillion miles (10 trillion km).

The planets are several times the mass of Jupiter.

"We finally have an actual image of an entire system," said Bruce Macintosh, an astrophysicist from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and a member of the team of scientists who



A Gemini Observatory discovery image taken October 17, 2007 shows for the first time two of the three confirmed planets ("b" and "c") of a family of planets found around a normal star outside of our solar system.

made the observations.

"This is a milestone in the search and characterization of planetary systems around stars."

About 300 planets have been found orbiting other stars besides the Earth's sun, but they have been found using indirect meas-

urements, mostly looking at their effects on the gravitational fields of their suns.

Writing in today's issue of the journal Science, the astronomers said they used the Keck and Gemini telescopes in Hawaii to get the pictures.

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Iranian abducted in Pakistan

DIPLOMAT Gunmen abducted an Iranian diplomat in Peshawar, Pakistan yesterday.

Suspicion for the kidnapping will inevitably fall on the Taliban and affiliated Sunni Muslim militant groups who hate Shi'ite Muslims and predominantly Shi'ite Iran almost as much as they hate the West. **REUTERS**

News in brief

EUTHANASIA Italy's top court has authorized a father to disconnect the feeding tube which has kept his comatose daughter alive for 16 years, removing the last legal hurdle in a landmark right-to-die case that has split the country.

PREGNANCY Thomas Beatie, who was born a woman but lives as a man in Oregon after surgery and hormone treatment, is expecting a sec-

ond child, Beatie has told Barbara Walters in an interview set to air on television today.

QUAKE DRILL Millions of Southern Californians, many with a sense of amusement, simultaneously crouched under tables and desks for two minutes of imagined seismic turmoil yesterday in the biggest U.S. earthquake drill ever.

REUTERS

Austria's Fritzl charged with murder

CAPTIVE Austrian Josef Fritzl, who imprisoned his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and fathered seven children by her, has been charged with the murder of one of their children who died shortly after birth.

Prosecutors said yesterday they had also charged Fritzl, 73, with rape, en-

slavement, incest, coercion and deprivation of liberty. His lawyer, Rudolf Mayer, said Fritzl would not appeal against the charge sheet — an option under Austrian law. He does not need to enter a plea immediately.

Mayer said that the trial would start in the next two or so months.

Fritzl, who has been in investigative custody since the case was exposed in April, kept daughter Elisabeth in a soundproofed basement under his house in the central town of Amstetten. He was charged with murder of the child through neglect in 1996.

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Obama set to resign from U.S. Senate

President-elect Barack Obama said yesterday he would resign his U.S. Senate seat effective Sunday, which means he will not participate in next week's post-election session that could address the ailing economy and struggling auto industry.

Obama, who will be sworn in as president on Jan. 20, said he would step down from his Senate seat to focus on the transition

Biden's choice

- Vice President-elect Joe Biden, a long-time senator from Delaware, has not yet said when he will resign his Senate seat. He must resign by noon on Jan. 20, the day he is sworn in.

to the White House.

"It has been one of the highest honors and privileges of my life to have

served the people of Illinois in the United States Senate," said Obama, who has served four years of his six-year term in the Senate.

Under Illinois state law, Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich is responsible for naming a successor to Obama. The appointee would serve Obama's term through 2010.

Blagojevich does not have to fill the seat immediately. **REUTERS**

Australia Partying in the buff



Tony Fox, left, the owner of the White Cockatoo resort in Australia, and his wife Lenore pose in this undated handout photo at the resort. The Australian holiday resort will hold a month-long, nude "anything goes" party to combat an expected economic downturn, media reports said yesterday

Chile's HIV scandal widens

NOTIFY Chile's public health system apparently failed to notify at least 512 people that they were infected with the HIV virus, the health minister said yesterday amid a growing national AIDS scandal.

Alvaro Erazo said that in 244 cases, the infected people were not located by health officials. And in 268 cases there was no evidence efforts were even made to find them.

"With current information it is not possible to be sure that people identified in the ... groups have not been informed, only that there are no records of that happening," he told the lower house of Congress.

Chile's previous health minister resigned after it emerged that a hospital in northern Chile failed to notify dozens of patients that they had tested positive for HIV. **REUTERS**

News in brief

CONGO Britain backs the deployment of up to 3,000 more U.N. troops in the Democratic Republic of Congo and peacekeepers should intervene "robustly" to

safeguard civilians, Prime Minister Gordon Brown said yesterday. Weeks of violence have forced more than 250,000 people to flee their homes. **REUTERS**

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A political hangover

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After the smoke, fire and histrionics of the U.S. election, intensified only briefly and slightly by our own federal campaign, the mood of the headlines and both countries has subsided into a mood resembling Sunday morning following a big bender.

The Republican party's defeat has prompted what's referred to as a circular firing squad, with everyone blaming everyone else, with Sarah Palin being singled out in particular — and tediously predictable — for blame, though it turned out

that many of the unnamed John McCain campaign workers cited by supposedly reputable media like MSNBC and The New Republic as sources for the worst accusations were the work of a longtime hoaxer. It's been that kind of a week.

It hardly matters anyway, since confidence in mainstream media coverage is at an all-time low, and newspapers such as the Washington Post have published shameful admissions that their coverage of the campaign might have been, on reflection, a little biased. That won't stop the frenzy of kidney punches and kneecappings inside and outside the Republican party, though that might be a good thing; the party that ran this election might just as well forward all the campaign speeches of its next candidate to Saturday Night Live's writer's room in ad-

vance.

In the meantime, there are fleeting glimpses that the much-anticipated "Change" promised by the winning candidate might not be as earth-shattering as expected, as the president-elect's prospective choices for cabinet positions are thick with Clinton-era veterans, a pre-chewed meal that hardly smells like the prelude to a revolution, though we may all be grateful for that.

There's a crude poetry to the tradition of holding presidential inaugurations in mid-winter, where the likelihood of a swearing-in on the U.S. Capitol steps in the teeth of inclement weather is ripe with portents of the trials ahead. Between now and then, however, Barack Obama is limited to playing at president while the media (hopefully) begins shifting gears from lapdog to peevish teenager, while George W.

Bush has little to do but taunt Dick Cheney by suggesting they hire Will Ferrell to stand in for him so he can head home early.

There's a curse, apocryphally attributed to some unknown Chinese sage and too frequently evoked by lazy editorialists, that wishes that the subject "live in interesting times." I was born eight months after the Kennedy assassination, six days after Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, and have lived in interesting times my whole life. I long — with little expectation of satisfaction by now — for a year or two of Eisenhower-era political torpor and complacency, if only to catch up on my reading. These two months of doldrums might be the closest I'll get.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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Letters

Col. Murray Lee, NOVA SCOTIA

Nova Scotians turned out in large numbers at this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies across the province to remember and honour those who have made the supreme sacrifice and to recognize all veterans for their service to Canada.

What was noticeable among participants in the ceremonies is the changing age of the veterans. While we continue to honour our veterans of World War II and the Korean War, an increasing number of younger men and women are also veterans with tours of duty in Afghanistan and other areas of conflict where Canadian Forces are deployed. It is this group of younger and vibrant veterans who deserve our support when they leave the Canadian Forces.

Among the findings of a recent national poll for Commissionaires was that almost 90 per cent of Canadians feel we have an obligation to ensure today's veterans find meaningful employment after they have finished their service in the Canadian Forces. Also, reservists called up to

serve should have their civilian jobs protected while they are on active duty. At the same time, most respondents think of a "war veteran" as someone older than 40.

We feel the "new veterans," when they leave the Canadian Forces, deserve a place in the workforce. We trust all Nova Scotians share our view.

Lyle Walter Jr., OTTAWA

Re: Addressing an elephant (Nov. 12)

Mr. Sullivan, thank you for telling it like it is: the Bloc and Canadian political parties. It boggles the mind.

I have been saying this for more years than I care to remember. It seems that we in Canada spend more time and effort appeasing Quebec than anything else.

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Views

Choosing the correct economic direction

By **BEVERLY TOPPING**

Meltdown. Recession. Crash. Depression. Most of us thought something like this was never going to happen again and that our economic system would continue to produce gains, albeit with the occasional slowdown.

The current global economic meltdown is continuing to produce tremors around the world. The implications for countries, businesses and individuals continue to unfold. When will it all come to an end? This is very difficult to predict, but my sense is that we have a way to go yet.

Many countries around the world are experiencing slower, if any, growth in their economies. Our biggest trading partner, the U.S., shows every evidence of a lengthy recession. When the U.S. falters, we can expect adverse impacts



Beverly Topping

here at home. Indeed, we are already seeing some signs of this in terms of a stagnant GDP and layoffs in financial services firms among others. When credit tightens, businesses — especially small- and medium-sized enterprises — have a difficult time financing their current operations or expanding to take advantage of new opportunities.

Why did this financial crisis happen? There have

been thousands of words written about this already and I suspect there will be many thousands more. Fingers have been pointing in every direction: Governments, central bankers, regulators, financial services firms, individual borrowers, and the list goes on, including directors of companies.

To our credit, Canada has had an impressive track record regarding corporate governance. Indeed, the process of raising the bar for corporate directors in Canada continues to gain momentum. The Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) is dedicated to strengthening corporate governance through education, awareness, training and certification. We know that better directors make for better boards and that leads to stronger corporate performance.

Unlike the U.S., Canada

has not seen any financial services company implode and none are teetering on the brink. Our boards and company managements seem to have avoided the excesses we have seen elsewhere. Nevertheless, they are under pressure arising from external events, and governments have rightly moved in to stabilize matters.

I am confident Canada will come through this crisis with even stronger corporate governance. At the ICD, we will identify the lessons learned — be they in risk management, executive compensation, strategic decision-making, financial management, information disclosure or other governance areas — and ensure they are foremost in the minds of directors going forward.

Beverly Topping (ICD.D) is president and CEO of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

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Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc. reported a smaller-than-expected third-quarter profit yesterday and cut its full-year outlook, as weakening economies in the U.S. and Mexico cause consumers to buy fewer soft drinks. **REUTERS**

Business

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Business in brief

RISK Nortel Networks will have to rely on asset sales to fund its operations, and risks running out of money before 2011, said RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Sue.

SUPERMARKET Loblaw Cos., Canada's largest supermarket

chain, said its earnings, sales and profit margin rose in the third quarter, pushing its shares up as much as 12 per cent, but it warned that a slowing economy could hold back its performance for the rest of the year. Earnings rose 32 per

cent to \$155 million.

TRADE China resolved its trade dispute over financial information with the United States, European Union and Canada on yesterday, eliminating discrimination against foreign financial data providers. **REUTERS**

Shrinking surplus

Canada sells less energy, fewer cars to U.S.

Canada's trade surplus shrank more than expected in September as the country sold less energy and fewer cars to the slowing U.S. market, while imports resumed their climb after a brief slump, Statistics Canada said yesterday.

The surplus narrowed to \$4.49 billion, the lowest level since January, from a

Vehicle exports

- Exports of automotive products fell 3.4 per cent, the eighth decline in 12 months, due to weak U.S. demand and a plant shutdown.

revised \$5.63 billion in August. The median forecast of analysts was for a sur-

plus of \$4.95 billion.

Despite the retreat in exports, the trade data still suggest modest economic growth in the third quarter, analysts said. But the fourth quarter outlook is bleak as the global economy heads for recession, likely triggering more interest rate cuts by the central bank **REUTERS**

Economies feel slowdown pain

BLEAK The U.S., China and Germany have all provided new evidence of the global economic slide. Germany's economy contracted 0.5 per cent in the third quarter, putting it in recession for the first time in five years. China's industrial output growth slowed to 8.2 per cent in October. **REUTERS**

Video game sales thriving: Experts

JINGLING BELLS Video game sales are expected to be strong this year and in 2009, despite the economic troubles of the retail stores that sell games, say industry executives. **REUTERS**

Iron ceiling Woman in charge



Aozora Bank managing executive officer Michiko Achilles, right, talks with her subordinates at the bank's headquarters in Tokyo recently. Achilles blasted through the "iron ceiling" that blocks many Japanese women's careers, choosing the Aozora Bank precisely because it seemed like a challenge.

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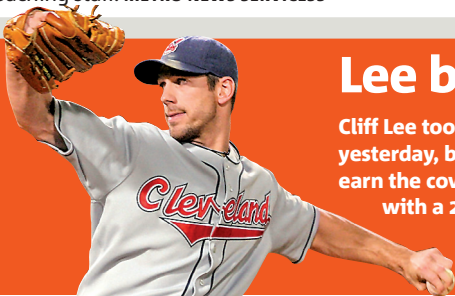
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Maradona to quit?

Diego Maradona has allegedly threatened to resign after only two weeks as Argentina coach, furious because the president of the country's soccer federation won't let him freely appoint the remaining members of his coaching staff. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

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Lee beats Halladay for Cy Young

Cliff Lee took home the American League Cy Young Award in a runaway yesterday, becoming the second consecutive Cleveland Indians lefty to earn the coveted prize. Lee went a major league-best 22-3 this season with a 2.54 ERA. Toronto ace Roy Halladay was a distant runner-up with four first-place votes and 71 points. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bruins pound Habs

NHL RECAP
Boston 6 Montreal 1



Stephane Yelle scored twice, while Manny Fernandez stopped 27 shots as the Boston Bruins broke a 12-game losing streak against Montreal with a 6-1 thrashing of the Canadiens at TD Banknorth Garden.

Marco Sturm also lit the lamp twice for the Bruins, winners of five straight and eight of nine. Shawn Thornton and Milan Lucic also tallied once each for Boston, which hadn't beaten their perennial rivals since a 3-1 victory on



Boston players celebrate their first of six goals yesterday as Montreal goalie Carey Price looks away. Boston went on to beat the Canadiens by a final of 6-1.

March 3, 2007.

Saku Koivu picked up the lone goal for the Canadiens, who have dropped three of four. Carey Price was shelled for all six

goals on 31 shots.

The Bruins got all the offense they needed in the opening 20 minutes, striking three times.

Thornton put the B's on

the board with a backhander at 2:31 and Yelle made it 2-0 with three minutes left in the first.

Sturm's power-play marker gave Boston a three-goal edge with only seven seconds to play in the period, then tacked on his second man-advantage score of the game 3:44 into the second for a 4-0 lead.

Koivu finally answered for the Habs with 6:26 remaining in the second as Fernandez misplayed a rebound right to the Montreal captain for a wrap-around.

Lucic gave the home team a four-goal edge at 4:42 of the third and Yelle's second of the game at 8:44 opened up a 6-1 margin for the Bruins, who coasted the rest of the way.

NFL Nailbiter



New York Jets quarterback Brett Favre celebrates after a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jets running back Leon Washington in the first quarter of last night's game against New England. The Jets won 34-31 in overtime after leading 24-13 at the half.

The CFL's home field disadvantage

YorkReport

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The Calgary Stampeders and Montreal Alouettes will buck a weird CFL trend if they win their division finals at home tomorrow.

Strangely, visiting teams have won the CFL's past four playoff games, all as underdogs. Almost as bizarre — or perhaps more bizarre — is that Michael Bishop was the losing quarterback in two of those four games. He was the Toronto Argonauts' QB

Music City man

A routine has turned into a superstition for Tennessee quarterback Kerry Collins, who has revealed that he has listened to country music star Alan Jackson's Good Time

every day on the way to work and back home since the beginning of his team's win streak. The Titans, at 9-0, are the NFL's only undefeated team this season.

wards."

Orlando Hudson, discarded by the Blue Jays before becoming an all-star second baseman in the NL, is No. 1 on the New York Mets' wish list of free agents, which means he's in for megabucks.

Atop the Jays' wish list, as reported here before, is the cantankerous Milton Bradley, who has a personal policy of never smiling.

The interest in the slugger puzzles Jays fan Ajoy

Pinto, Metro's marketing and promotions specialist. From the stands, Pinto once shouted this at Bradley: "You suck at the game of life," which, of course, was a not-so-subtle reference to the other Milton Bradley, who invented games for a living. Suffice it to say that Bradley didn't smile when he heard Pinto's observation.

And get this: Men needing to pee during their golf games will no longer need to visit a washroom. No joke. A Florida-based urologist has invented a golf club that doubles as a urinal. Seems the urologist heard too many complaints from male golfers. For details and photos, visit www.uroclub.org.

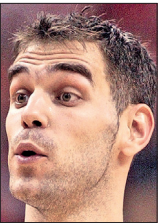
Break for Calderon, Raptors

NBA Jose Calderon has been poked, prodded and examined and it turns out the best thing for his sore right hamstring is rest. Luckily for the Raptors, they have some time.

This is the first time we've had three or four days off," Calderon said after sitting out the final quarter of Wednesday's 106-96 loss to the Philadelphia 76ers. After a grind that had the Raptors playing five games in eight days — winning only once — they are off until

Sunday afternoon when they meet the Miami Heat at the Air Canada Centre.

Calderon had an MRI yesterday on his hamstring, which he said cramped up late in the first quarter on Wednesday and then bothered him again later in the game. Team officials said doctors were looking over the results and there would be no official word on his status until the team returns to work today.



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Sports in brief

MLB The New York Yankees announced yesterday that they have acquired Nick Swisher and pitcher Kanekoa Texeira from the Chicago White Sox in exchange for infielder Wilson Betemit and two minor league hurlers. "We're excited with the addition of Nick Swisher," said Yankees manager Joe Girardi. "We feel he has a ton of upside. He's a patient switch-hitter, adds versatility at a

Can Huskies withstand Mustangs' aerial assault?

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If the Western Ontario Mustangs paid any attention to the Loney Bowl, they must be salivating right now.

The Mustangs, who host the Saint Mary's Huskies in the Mitchell Bowl Canadian Interuniversity Sport football semifinals on Sunday at 4:30 p.m., boast one of the most prolific passing attacks in the nation, averaging 336.5 yards per game.

The Huskies, meanwhile, beat the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in the Loney Bowl, but were lit up through the air for 379 yards — including 69- and 75-yard touchdowns — and nearly blew a 21-point lead in the second half.

"That hurt. Straight up, that hurt," said Huskies all-star cornerback Jeff Zelinski. "You've got to avoid the quick score, and we didn't avoid the quick score. Western is going to watch that film and see we got beat deep a couple times. "They like to air it out, and we're going to get tested."

Fourth-year pivot Michael Faulds leads the Mustangs' potent attack. He piled up 2,596 passing yards, seventh most in CIS history, and threw 19 touchdown passes. Receiver Jesse Bellamy (686 yards,



Saint Mary's defensive back Joel Lipinski hauls down St. Francis Xavier wide receiver Nic Guest after one of the X-Men's numerous big passing gains in last Saturday's Loney Bowl.

six TDs) is his main target. Zelinski and Joel Lipinski are both former all-Canadians in the Huskies' secondary, while Al Birthwright is one of the conference's top tacklers and a former all-star. Saleem Borhot, a fourth-year cornerback,

rounds out the unit.

"The (X-Men) just had four big plays to gain all those yards and if we eliminate those mistakes, it's a whole new ballgame," Birthwright said. "They were just mistakes."

Zelinski, at 6-foot-3, and Borhot, at 6-foot-2, could be keys if the Huskies want to keep the Mustangs in check.

"Western likes to throw the deep ball, and we feel that our corners, with the height and skills they have, will be able to pretty much shut them down," Birthwright said.

There's certainly more to the Mitchell Bowl than how the Huskies deal with

the Mustangs' passing attack.

On the flip side, Saint Mary's boasts the country's best run game, and it's going to be no picnic for Western to try and shut it down.

But the Huskies' secondary is out for redemption, and spent the week in practice working out its problems.

"We know sometimes we haven't played the best defence in our own conference," said Birthwright, who is from Whitby, Ont. "But we've seen a lot of tape and we have schemes to stop (Western)."

"We're confident we can shut them down."

One more time, Jack

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If the underdog Saint Mary's Huskies want to beat the Western Ontario Mustangs in the Mitchell Bowl, an encore performance from Jack Creighton would be a great start.

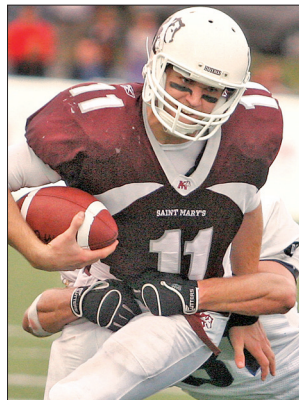
Creighton, a rookie quarterback who led the Huskies to the Loney Bowl last Saturday with an MVP performance, has been named the starter for Sunday's Canadian Interuniversity Sport football semifinal (4:30 p.m., The Score).

With star Erik Glavic officially out another week with a knee injury, the Huskies are hoping Creighton's rapid evolution continues under the national spotlight.

"He's gone through about three years of progression in a short little while this season," said Huskies offensive lineman Bryan Jordan.

"He doesn't have a ceiling and he is constantly learning and getting better. It's been amazing."

The Huskies have the most dominating run game in the country — an average of 278.5 yards per game — but the 6-foot-4



Saint Mary's quarterback Jack Creighton rushes with the ball against Saint Francis Xavier during the Loney Bowl.

Creighton revitalized a virtually non-existent passing attack last Saturday with 198 yards and two touchdowns.

A repeat performance will be paramount for the Huskies, who are hoping to come at Western with a balanced attack in their bid for a second straight appearance in the Vanier Cup.

"Jack's been through a lot of pressure, but we have a lot of confidence in him," said Huskies receiver Shawn White.

"He's taken control of the team and he's distributed the ball."

Sports in brief

HOCKEY Halifax Mooseheads left-winger Yuri Cheremetiev has been named to the Russian roster for the ADT Canada-Russia Challenge beginning Monday in Sydney.



Cheremetiev, who was raised in Stoughton, Mass., was born in Russia. He has 12 points in 19 QMJHL games and will play in the two games of the six-game series. The 19-year-old forward will be on the road with the Mooseheads (7-15) tonight at 8:30 p.m. against the Baie-Comeau Drakkar. They also visit the Chicoutimi Saguenéens tomorrow and the Quebec Remparts on Sunday.

SOCCER Bayside midfielder Derek Gaudet cracked the roster of two Canadian youth soccer teams yesterday. Gaudet, who plays for Major League Soccer's Toronto FC, was named to the national under-17 and -20 teams. The 21-player under-17 team will play preparatory games later this month for the CONCACAF under-17 championship, which will be held next spring in Mexico. The 18-player under-20 team will also play preparatory games later this month as it ramps up for the 2009 FIFA under-20 World Cup in Egypt. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Saint Mary's Offence	
• Points scored	32.3
• Rushing yards	278.5
• Passing yards	336.5
Defence	
• Points allowed	21.0
• Total yards	322.0
• Rushing yards	124.0
• Passing yards	198.0

Western Offence	
• Points scored	45.3
• Rushing yards	523.6
• Passing yards	187.1
Defence	
• Points allowed	16.6
• Total yards	302.0
• Rushing yards	93.0
• Passing yards	209.0

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Short but not sweet

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Starting literally minutes after its predecessor, *Casino Royale*, left off, *Quantum of Solace* roars off with a car chase that sets the brisk pace director Marc Forster keeps up for the latest — and shortest — movie in the James Bond franchise.

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Bond tuneless

Newest 007 entry has plenty of action, but movie is deliberately anticlimactic

Quantum of Solace

Director: Marc Forster

Stars: Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●●

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

The best Bond films have always lived up to their theme song, and unfortunately the blaring — but tuneless — Jack White/Alicia Keys intro to Quantum of Solace too ably sets the tone for what follows.

The movie starts literally minutes after its predecessor, Casino Royale, ended, with a pre-credit car chase that sums up director Marc Forster's brisk approach

to the story.

Action scenes are the meat of Bond movies. Most of what we see in Quantum of Solace is at least as good as the standards set in previous films; relentless, and more than a bit improbable — if done properly.

One scene, set during an opera performance, is actually groundbreaking, an almost abstract action set piece that owes its success as much to sound editing as stunt work.

There seems to be a bit missing from the film, though. It's short for a Bond film, and the deliberately anticlimactic ending makes the experience on the whole a lot less draining — and thrilling — than the best of the series.

Politics intrudes with the clumsy, didactic gracelessness that's a hallmark of too many movies today. Though, the film's basic flaw is intrinsic to the story, which is focused around an emotionally wounded Bond with little time — or inclination — for the reckless pleasures or black humour that have defined the character in the other movies.

Daniel Craig's Bond is still an excellent incarnation of the character, and the decision to beef up Judi Dench's role as M, his spymaster, is paying subtle dividends that will, hopefully, start paying off more generously in the next film — which will start gracing us with a new Q, or a Moneypenny, at the very least.



Bond, played by Daniel Craig, is back in Quantum of Solace.

Bond films

Interested in catching up on past James Bond films? Quantum of Solace is the 22nd 007 movie released by EON Productions, here are the others:

- Dr. No (1962)
- From Russia With Love (1963)
- Goldfinger (1964)
- Thunderball (1965)
- You Only Live Twice (1967)
- On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969)
- Diamonds Are Forever (1971)
- Live and Let Die (1973)
- The Man with the Golden Gun (1974)
- The Spy Who Loved Me (1977)
- Moonraker (1979)
- For Your Eyes Only (1981)
- Octopussy (1983)
- A View to a Kill (1985)
- The Living Daylights (1987)
- Licence to Kill (1989)
- GoldenEye (1995)
- Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)
- The World is Not Enough (1999)
- Die Another Day (2002)
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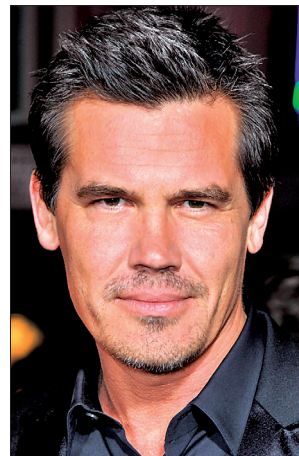
FEATURE He has been acting for nearly a quarter century — making his adolescent debut in the cult classic *The Goonies* — but most people knew Josh Brolin best because of his famous father and step-mother: James Brolin and Barbra Streisand.

Thanks to a string of outstanding performances in a diverse lineup of films (*Grindhouse*, *American Gangster*, *No Country For Old Men*, W., and the upcoming *Milk*), Brolin has not only managed to step out of his parental shadows, but also establish himself as one of the finest actors of his generation.

It is an experience the actor admits he always pined for.

"I always wanted to work with great filmmakers," Brolin says. "I started out working with a really amazing filmmaker and was extremely spoiled by my first experience. Then the next time it happened was with David O. Russell on *Flirting With Disaster*. I remember watching that movie thinking, 'Thank God I'm in this film.'"

The latest directing talent to enlist Brolin is Gus Van Sant, for whom he



Josh Brolin always wanted to work with "great filmmakers."

plays Dan White in the upcoming *Milk*, a bio-pic about America's first openly-gay politician, Harvey Milk.

"Gus sent the script to me and I read it immediately," said Brolin, who plays a fellow politician who kills Milk. "I cried at the end. I was very moved by it and said yes right away."

Milk marks the second time this year that Brolin has played a controversial political figure. It follows his amazing portrayal of George Bush in *Oliver Stone's W.*

"It's harder in that there's some form of wanting to do it justice, especially with Bush," Brolin says about portraying an actual

person. "He's so in everybody's psyche and there's so much hatred and dislike for him globally. That was a little disconcerting to me, but it was also part of the great challenge."

In both roles, Brolin managed to rouse a surprising amount of sympathy for fairly disreputable figures. The actor considers this vital.

"I think it's important for any character to come across as human unless you're doing a caricature. I find it important to care about what the person is going through. I think it's more interesting to ask 'Why?' instead of just saying 'Oh look at that.'"

"I could have played Dan White as he was the moment he decided to get the gun to go and kill those people, but that would have been very one dimensional."

Given his sudden rise to prominence, it seems likely that Brolin will be collecting a few awards this year to cement his new movie star status.

It's rare for an actor to become a star purely through the strength of idiosyncratic performances, but no one deserves it more than Brolin. The actor paid his dues for decades and has earned his right to the spotlight.

Twilight soundtrack debuts at No. 1

The soundtrack to Twilight starts atop The Billboard 200 this week, according to Warner Music, becoming the third No. 1 soundtrack this year after Juno and Mamma Mia! **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Reel Time

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Quote of the week

"It was an hour-and-a-half drive out to the set, and it was a rough road just to get there. Then you work a full 12-hour day and then you drive all the way back, an hour-and-a-half. I just thought, 'I don't know how I'm going to do this and still be good at what I do, and not collapse from the heat' ... "Within a week there, something happened ... you get hypnotised by it. We had 43-degree heat sometimes, but as soon as you hit the sunset, it heals the whole day."

Nicole Kidman on working in remote western Australia during the filming of her latest film, Australia — in theatres Nov. 26.

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Twilight fans have high hopes

PHIL BROWN
For Metro Canada

When someone mentions Stephenie Meyer's teen novel phenomena Twilight, the title sparks one of two reactions: Either an excited rant from a member of one of world's most devoted fan bases, or a blank stare.

Twilight has already sold more than 17 million copies, and the cinematic adaptation being released next week will likely follow with a new run up the book charts.

Don't feel bad if you haven't heard of the series. It probably just means you're not a teenage girl — barely anyone involved with the film had heard of it, either.

"I did not read the books. (The script) was forced on me," says Kristen Stewart, who plays Bella in the film.

Bella is a young girl who moves to a new town and immediately falls for a



Twilight, based on the teen novel by Stephenie Meyer, gets its cinematic release next week.

high school classmate. However, things get a little complicated when it turns out that her dream boy is actually a vampire struggling to decide if he wants to kiss her or sink his teeth into her neck.

"I didn't like the outline because it seemed very shallow and vain to me, like Bella was in love with this guy just because he

Movie feature

was the hottest thing she had ever seen. But when I finally read the script, I begged to get the audition," Stewart says.

"I'd never heard of the books," adds Melissa Rosenberg, who wrote the screenplay.

"(Comic Con) was the

first time I really understood just how huge this was and a cold sweat came over me when they were about to play a clip and I realized that I didn't do it exactly like it was in the book.

"You don't want to be the person who killed Twilight for a generation."

Despite the lack of familiarity on the part of some

of the movie's creators — many of whom have since become fans of the book — reaction to their work among Twilight readers has been positive so far.

"It's been fascinating because some people have said this is the most true adaptation of a novel they've ever seen," said director Catherine Hardwicke, who also made the indie teen flick Thirteen.

"I love that because it's true to the notions and the spirit, but it's not true to the book in many ways. We interpreted it and tried to make it visual, emotional, dynamic and cinematic. I'd say I put my own stamp on every scene."

The filmmakers' work is eagerly anticipated by the legions of fans that have shown up in droves for every early screening held so far. No one involved with the movie expected anything like this level of reaction.

"The crowds of people screaming makes you want to cry," Stewart said.

Mehta's mixed results

Heaven on Earth

Director: Deepa Mehta
Stars: Preity Zinta, Vansh Bhardwaj
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●

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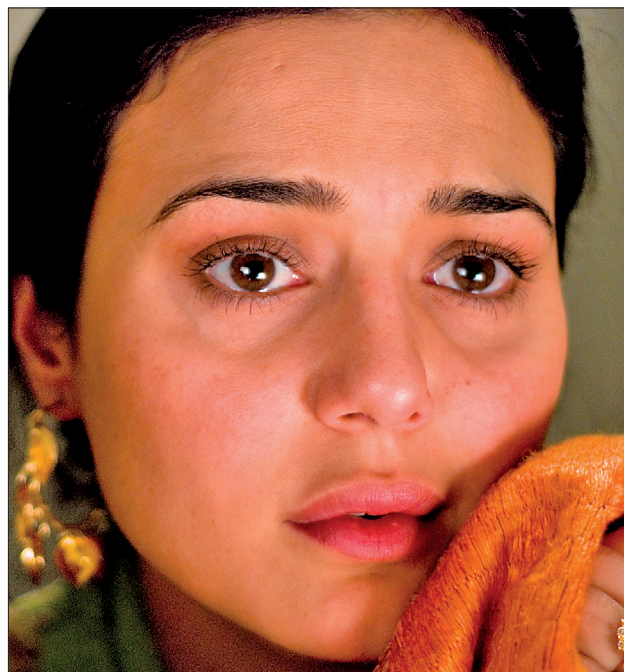
REVIEW Director Deepa Mehta's last three films — Fire, Earth and Water — focused largely on issues of social reform in her birthplace of India.

In Heaven on Earth, she turns her dramatic eye toward the problem of domestic abuse in an Indian-Canadian family. Unfortunately, it's with mixed results.

Chand (played by Bollywood star Preity Zinta) is a young Punjabi woman sent to Canada by her mother as part of an arranged marriage. Her husband Rocky (Vansh Bhardwaj) is both immature and a brutally abusive Indo-Canadian man.

Yet that's only part of the problem.

His family is also dominated by a quietly oppressive mother (Belinder Johal), who may adhere to the tradition of seeing her son married, but is unconsciously jealous of Chand



Preity Zinta appears in Deepa Mehta's film, Heaven on Earth.

and deeply possessive of her son.

To protect herself, Chand eventually turns to the powerful symbols in her folklore to help assert her independence.

In Heaven on Earth, Mehta tries to mix the brutal realism of spousal violence with magic realism to illuminate Chand's difficult struggles. But the two styles don't mesh and the picture's emotional force gets rapidly diffused.

While showing little ca-

capacity for invoking fairy-tale enchantment, Mehta also fails to deepen our understanding of the conflicts at the heart of the marriage.

Rather than explore how Chand's union with Rocky ignites powerful emotional currents within a fiercely traditional Punjabi clan, Mehta settles instead for a cursory melodrama about a young woman's empowerment.

Heaven on Earth ends up feeling like purgatory.

Tell No One stylish but contrived

Tell No One

Director: Guillaume Canet
Stars: Francois Cluzet, Kristin Scott Thomas
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●½

PHILIP BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Dating back to the 1950s, French filmmakers have always had a remarkable ability to take pulpy American crime novels and elevate them to the level of cinematic art.

There are many examples of this phenomenon, but sadly Tell No One is not one of them.

This stylish thriller by part-time director and full-time actor Guillaume Canet is very well-constructed and dripping with style, but the movie is little more than a brilliant set-up in search of an ending.

The film is about a doctor named Alex, who thought he witnessed his wife's death, but suddenly finds himself the primary suspect as her killer when dead bodies are found at the murder site eight years later.

The same day, Alex sees a video on the Internet suggesting that his wife might still be alive. The



Actor Francois Cluzet is searching for answers Tell No One.

film then becomes a race against time with Alex attempting to prove his innocence before the police can nab him for her murder.

The actors are excellent across the board, with an amazing lead performance from Francois Cluzet, who runs the full gamut of emotions throughout the film.

Director Canet also stages some quite impres-

sive set pieces as well including a lengthy foot chase throughout Paris that is as exciting as anything coming out of Hollywood.

All of which makes it even more disappointing when the movie turns to the contrived. With a more carefully crafted finale, this could have been a classic French thriller. Without it, the experience is merely frustrating.

James Bond knockoffs

InFocus

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This week, you can't throw a steel-brimmed hat without hitting a billboard or poster for Quantum of Solace. Daniel Craig's mug is so omnipresent, it's impossible to get a quantum of relief from his stern but handsome mug.

It seems the whole world has gone Bond crazy, but this is nothing new. James Bond — and whoever is playing the super spy — has always been big news, but there is only so much of him to go around.

That's why enterprising filmmakers have frequently retooled the Bondian formula of guns, girls and gadgets to attract new audiences.

During the late 1960s wave of Bondmania, Dean

Martin staggered through a quartet of spy spoofs based on the literary character Matt Helm, giving new meaning to the advertising tagline "America's Loaded Weapon."

Since then, the Bond knock-off business has boomed and 007 wannabes in all shapes and sizes have blossomed. There's adolescent Bond in Agent Cody Banks, a version for teens called xXx ("Now I know what xXx stands for: Xtremely Xcruciating Xperience" raved one critic) and parodies like Get Smart and Austin Powers.

Wilder still is Operation Kid Brother. In a blatant attempt to satisfy audience's need for all things Bond in 1967, producers cast Sean Connery's younger brother Neil as a plastic surgeon and hypnotist recruited by her Majesty's Secret Service to thwart the evil crime syndicate Thanatos. He's called into action, the movie explains, because "his brother is out on a routine mission."

Wow, perfect casting! Except Neil can't act. The

film flopped so badly it could have been the reason bargain bins were invented, and Neil soon returned to his former job as a plasterer. But Operation Kid Brother does have its pleasures.

Bond alumnus Bernard Lee and Lois Maxwell ham it up alongside From Russia with Love's Bond girl Daniela Bianchi, and Thunderball villain Adolfo Celi. Better than that is the soundtrack by Ennio Morricone, which unlike the rest of the film, is on par with a real Bond film.

The Connery name will always be associated with Bond, and while Neil (thankfully) retired soon after Operation Kid Brother, other Connerys had a harder time letting the character go.

Sean revived his Bond after a 12-year layoff in 1983's Never Say Never Again and as a voice in videogames — and his son, Jason Connery, played 007's creator in The Secret Life of Ian Fleming.

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Movie morsels



Zack And Miri Make A Porno stars Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks.

Changeling

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REVIEW Directed by legendary icon Clint Eastwood, Changeling tells the emotional journey of Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), a single mother in 1920s Los Angeles who comes home to find her son missing. Following weeks of relentlessly searching, the police suddenly show up with her child, reporters in tow. Great. Only there's a catch: It ain't him.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

High School Musical 3: Senior Year

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REVIEW It's very likely that only a handful of adults have seen the previous two High School Musical incarnations that follow the dancing and singing students of Albuquerque's Eastside High. Adults can actually attend the movie without too much fear. Sure, the storyline is very basic, and squeaky Mickey Mouse-clean — you may doze off occasionally — but there is great energy in this film.

Steve Veale/For Metro Canada

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

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REVIEW If it ain't broke,

don't fix it. Yes, it's an archaic, overused adage, but when it comes to Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, it also applies. The movie isn't without its improvements: It has plenty of jokes and inside-gags for the adults but they're mostly just recycled sensibilities from the 2005 film. Of course, the story is what really counts, and Madagascar 2 tells too many tales.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

RocknRolla

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REVIEW Like those acclaimed crime-dramas of the late '90s, RocknRolla explores a familiar criminal element of the London underground; namely those involved in a complex real estate scam gone wrong. There are far too many subplots to summarize, but rest assured Guy Ritchie's latest features the same narrative voiceover, cleverly crooked gangsters, and super-frenetic pacing of his earliest work.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Role Models

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REVIEW Without its leading men — one uses the term loosely in this case — Role Models would be just another installment in the sub-Apatow genre, which is to say a comedy

based on character and dialogue and the odd kick in the nuts. Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott are simply the best parts of a great cast that delivers a barrage of laughs.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Soul Men

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REVIEW Soul Men is a blast from the past in both its plot, about the reunion of a '60s-era R&B group, and its tired 1982-style script and direction. But the late Bernie Mac and Samuel L. Jackson deserve at least some credit for their smoother-than-expected grooving as aging singers. Soul Men's one saving grace is that it's Mac's final performance and for this reason, it may end up generating more box-office returns than it otherwise would have.

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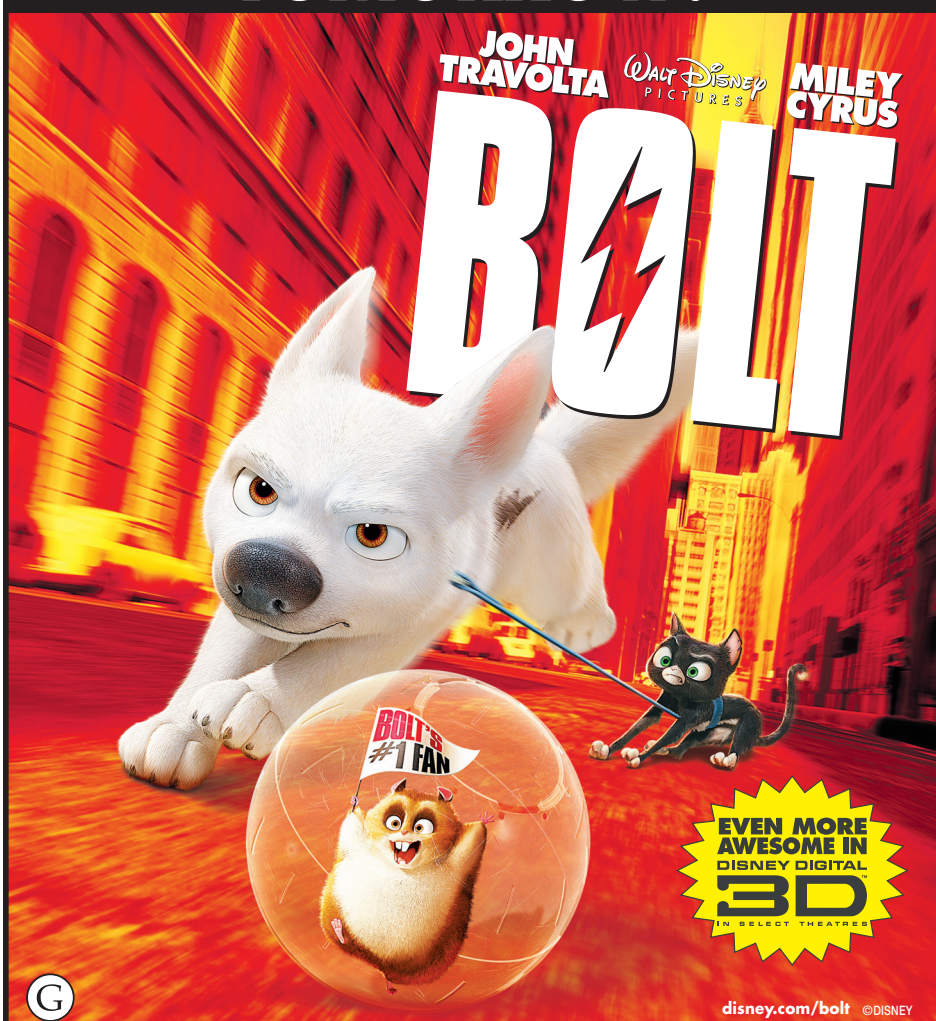
Zack and Miri Make a Porno

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REVIEW Zack And Miri Make A Porno is a very sweet romantic comedy about two best friends discovering their love for one another. Granted they discover it while having sex on camera for a quick buck — but it is very sweet nonetheless. Summarizing the plot is pointless because the title says it all. I

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

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Soul Men (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-9:30

Tell No One (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:35

Twilight (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Thu 10

Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:50-4:30-7:05-9:40 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Thu 1:50-4:30-7:05

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Changeling (14) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1-4-7:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-7:30

Happy-Go-Lucky (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri 12:30-3:10-6:20-9 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sat 6:20-9 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sun 12:30-3:10-6:20-9 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 3:10-6:20-9 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Thu 3:10-9

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From left, penguins Kowalski (voiced by Chris Miller), Rico, the Skipper (voiced by Tom McGrath) and Private (voiced by Christopher Knights) prepare to launch Operation: Tourist Trap in a scene from Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, which is currently in theatres.

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Role Models (14) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:20-9:45 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20-9:45

Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18) Stadium Seating Fri 1:15-3:45-7:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Sat 7:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Sun 1:15-3:45-7:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Mon 3:45-9:40 Stadium Seating Tue-Wed 3:45-7:10-9:40 Stadium Seating Thu 3:45-7:10

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Morning Light (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 6:45-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 2:10-6:45-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6:45-9:10

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Pride and Glory (18) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10

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Changeling (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:40

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Metropolitan Opera: Salome - Encore (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Sat 2

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Swift and Fearless

Country star opens up about relationships on new album

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

As Taylor Swift released her sophomore effort, Fearless, earlier this week, the country-pop songstress is fearlessly addressing some highly publicized rumours about her circulating in the U.S. media.

One reputedly claims that the 18-year-old is pregnant. Swift's response? False. "I'm really offended by this one," she tells Metro. "I'm not that kind of girl. After reading that, I just sat there thinking, 'What did I do to provoke that?' But then I found out that this kind of thing happens to a lot of girls in this industry — for no reason."

Another rumour alleges she was dating Joe Jonas, the middle sibling of teen heartthrobs The Jonas

"The songs are written about people I know and most of the time they're going to mention specific names." Taylor Swift

Brothers. Swift's response? True, but it's over now.

"I've always been very upfront with (Joe) and I've kept the relationship a secret for a very long time," Swift says days after revealing to People Magazine and on The Ellen DeGeneres Show that the 19-year-old dumped her in October. "I only addressed the issue because I felt I owed it to my fans. I wanted to say, 'Look, you guys weren't crazy, the breakup did happen, I made a few comments on it and now I'm ready to stop giving him my time and energy.'"

Nonetheless, her fascination with boys figures

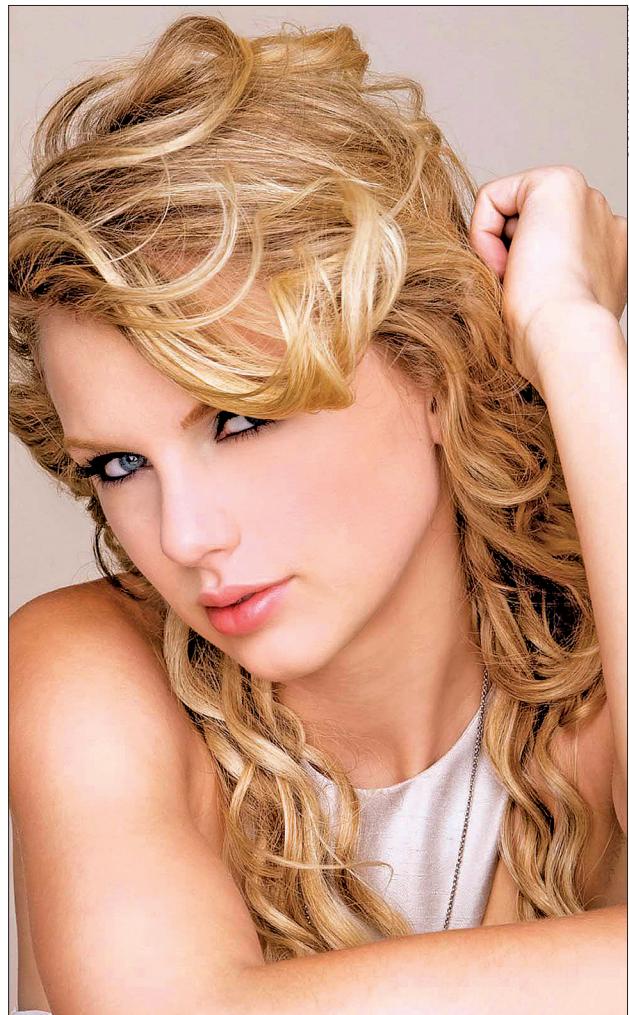
prominently throughout Fearless. While Forever And Always may be linked to her split with Jonas, Swift explains that another song, Hey Stephen, reveals a crush towards a real-life Stephen, whose last name she purposely keeps mum.

"He hasn't heard the song yet so that should make for an interesting phone call," Swift laughs. "When I write a song I make sure that the songs are written about people I know and most of the time they're going to mention specific names."

Swift's own 'Behind The Music' story so far reveals that the Wyomissing, Pa., native dropped her first

demo to numerous record labels at age 11 and began writing songs when she was 12. By age 14, she relocated to Nashville for work as a songwriter. Two years later came her 2006 triple platinum-selling debut followed by numerous award nominations and/or wins (including country song of the year during Tuesday's BMI Country Awards). Among her most recent performance highlights include teaming up with rockers Def Leppard for a CMT Crossroads special.

"I was never one of those presumptuous hopefuls who thought a career in country music would actually work out for me," says Swift, who cites Faith Hill and Shania Twain as influences. "That's why now I feel so blessed that everything is pretty much coming together."



Taylor Swift's fascination with boys figures prominently throughout her new album Fearless.

Beware of the cellular phone ban

Chatty drivers are only one distraction behind the wheel

SoundCheck

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I was in the car on my way to — I forget, but it must have been somewhere important — when my iPhone started to trill. I tried to ignore it, and it was agony. I'm from the Pavlovian school of communications: If a phone rings, I must answer it. But this time, I let it vibrate across the passenger seat until it fell lemming-like onto the floor and safely out of reach. I considered the whole harrowing incident as practice for when Canada brings in the inevitable no-talking-on-a-mobile-while-driving law.

Like you, I've been cut off or nearly hit by chatty cell morons and I've seen all the stats about how talking and driving dangerously dilutes concentration, so I understand why so many jurisdictions are banning the use of handheld cellphones while behind the wheel.



Some distraction we face in the cockpit are as deadly as cellphones.

Black and white issue, right? Stop people from talking on their cellphones behind the wheel and started counting the lives saved.

Well, not quite. What about all the musical distractions that we face in the cockpit these days? Some of them can be every bit as deadly as talking on a handset.

Scanning through radio stations diverts attention from the road. Changing CDs at 100 km/h isn't smart. RDS readouts — the information some radio stations imperfectly scroll across the display of suit-

ably equipped radios — can pull eyes in the wrong direction.

Then there's the growing popularity of iPod interfaces with car audio systems. Some involve running a cable from the headphone jack to an aux input somewhere on the dashboard or a fancy connection that integrates an iPod into the factory radio in the dash. Either way, you're going to fiddle with your iPod's playlists when you really should be worrying about keeping it between the ditches.

Meanwhile, many new

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car audio systems incorporate large hard drives with high-tech displays, essentially turning the dashboard into one big iPod.

And it's only going to get worse as more manufacturers figure out ways to put WiFi connectivity in cars. Audi and Chrysler already do. Imagine being in traffic with a dude who insists on surfing the Internet on the way to work.

Cracking down on cellphone users behind the wheel is a smart and politically popular idea. But could be a slippery slope if everything beyond this is taken into consideration.

Meanwhile, don't get BMW owners started on their iDrive systems.

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**Music**

Blunt words

Singer readies to guest edit Metro worldwide

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada



How's this for a headline: Brangelina Share Café Late En Route To Adoption Agency. Not on James Blunt's watch.

The multimillion-selling singer-songwriter will be Metro International's first global guest editor for the Nov. 17 edition.

"I don't think celebrity coverage is that interesting, really," Blunt said in a recent interview, adding that the media should "temper" their coverage of fluff with more serious stuff.

And don't give him that line about the media being a mere reflection of what's happening in the world, as one editor said long ago to a young reporter.

"You have drug addicts and you have drug dealers," Blunt said on his cell-

phone before a concert in Nurnberg, Germany. "Your (former) boss is saying he's the drug dealer, and he's not to blame then, is he? The addicts need help."

Blunt, whose breakout hit was *You're Beautiful* in 2005, says the worldwide, free Metro can lead the way to less frivolous coverage.

"I think, probably, something like Metro ... (is) in a relatively good position to approach journalism for the original reasons, which is presumably to investigate and inform people," he said. "Whereas if your focus purely becomes newspaper sales — suddenly the truth is less interesting over what is sensationalistic."

"So I definitely think a balance has to be found."

Blunt, whose first two albums have sold more than 14 million copies worldwide, says he jumped at the chance to get a behind-

new gig

• On Monday, James Blunt will become Metro International's first global guest editor. Pick up Metro to read Blunt's column in our Comments & Views section and more.

the-scenes look at a newspaper.

"The power of the media is phenomenal," said the 34-year-old Brit. "In a way, one could argue that they decide governments in the first place. Definitely, at least, in Britain."

Blunt will work with global editor-in-chief Sakari Pitkanen at Metro's Rome office in advance of the Nov. 17 issue.

"We have a few topics we're going to work up together," said Blunt. "He's going to show me the ropes, really, and discuss what's going on in the world today. It will be real-



James Blunt plays the Halifax Metro Centre on Dec. 2.

ly interesting to do that.

"It's a pretty amazing period of time right now, and I see that from being on tour."

Blunt, who served six years in the British army, kicks off the Canadian leg of his 14-month world tour Nov. 17 in Vancouver. He'll play 12 dates here, includ-

ing three in Alberta, where he spent six months in 1998 at CFB Suffield.

"On the Canadian prairie, which is an amazing place to be," said Blunt. "I saw the Northern Lights at night, and moose and wolves running past. A really beautiful part of the world."

Movie will trace Jerry Garcia's life

MOVIES The producing duo behind *Election* and *Little Miss Sunshine* are developing a biopic about Grateful Dead frontman Jerry Garcia.

The untitled project aims to reveal the roots of the counterculture icon, focusing primarily on Garcia's early life in the Bay Area before he joined the band that would become the Grateful Dead. The period includes a stint in the military, a life-changing car accident and his encounters with the Northern California music scene. **REUTERS**

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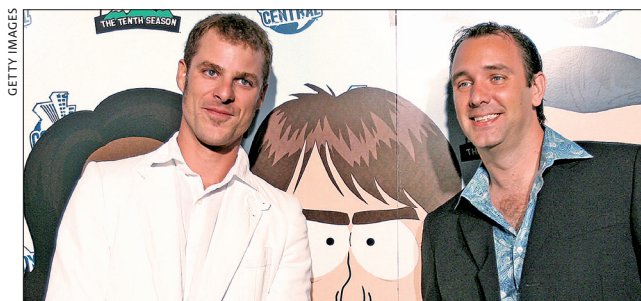
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Television



South Park creators Matt Stone, left, and Trey Parker.

South Park to feature spoof of U.S. election

Rick's TV Picks

South Park

Air date: today

Network: Comedy Network

TREY PARKER AND Matt Stone maintain their reputation for topicality with a spoof of the recent U.S. election filtered through the Ocean's 11 films. While South Park's adults run riot celebrating Obama's election, the presidential candidates reveal their plan to steal the Hope Diamond. As usual, the real satirical venom is in the context, not the plot.

down the curtain with this special show featuring performance by Beyoncé, Snoop Dogg and Fall Out Boy, among others. Believe it or not, the show was once a cultural big deal, important enough to merit a regular parody on Saturday Night Live.



Tokyo Police Club

Desperate Housewives

Air date: Sunday

Network: CTV

GUEST STARS FOR the night's show are indie rock band Tokyo Police Club. I haven't a clue what it means, but it's fun to write – like when Joe Namath appeared on the Brady Bunch.

— RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

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SO WHAT IS IT WITH YOU AND BERT, NOT THAT I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT OR ANYTHING: Ricky Gervais has been asked to do a guest spot on Sesame Street, an honour that has been bestowed on everyone from Laura Bush and Jack Black to Max Headroom and Yo-Yo Ma, and which signals the likelihood that, no matter what horrible thing you do for the rest of your life, somebody's grandmother can be called upon to describe you as "a nice person, but they've obviously got a few problems."

Gervais, who has already appeared in animated form in The Simpsons and Grand Theft Auto IV, and told the BBC that "there are some things you don't turn down." Gervais also said that he was reluctant to accept a rumoured offer to host the Oscars, and his website broke the news that a revival of Extras for one more Christmas special had reached the stage where he's asked Danny DeVito, Michael Douglas and Al Pacino to appear in the show. What, precisely, Al Pacino might do to embarrass himself on the show that he



Comedian Ricky Gervais has been asked to do a guest spot on Sesame Street.

hasn't already surpassed in his last 15 years of film roles remains to be seen, of course.

WHAT'S ONE STEP BELOW TEMP?: In related Office news, B. J. Novak will be taking a break from playing Ryan the temp-turned-executive-turned-jailbird-turned-temp-receptionist on the NBC show. Novak has a role in Quentin Tarantino's new film, according to an Entertainment Weekly story, and will be gone from Dunder Mifflin for several episodes, which might turn out to be a permanent absence according to another source, who said that Novak thinks that Ryan has

played himself out.

This might solve the problem of bringing Jenna Fischer back after a mostly Pam-less season, which EW seems to think is the only way to bring season five to a satisfying conclusion, even if it will deprive Michael of his disturbing man-crush, and the show of one of its best running gags.

Frankly, I'm amazed that an afterthought character like Ryan has turned out to be so resilient, though if I'm forced to be honest, it still

seems like a miracle that the show has gone on so long after exhausting the Fischer back inspiration it took from Ricky Gervais' original. It's like imagining that Happy Days spin-offs like Blansky's Beauties and Joanie Loves Chachi

ended up running as long as The Simpsons and have a whole Trivial Pursuit game devoted to them.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Total Finale Live

Air date: Sunday

Network: MTV

FRANKLY, I THOUGHT MTV's Total Request Live had been on the air a lot longer than 10 years, but it's bringing



Snoop Dogg

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In brief

CANCELLATION Fox has canceled late-night sketch comedy veteran MadTV, one of its longest-running shows. The Saturday-night mainstay's current 14th season will be its last on the network, Fox sources said. The show's co-creator, David Salzman, said he plans to shop MadTV to cable networks.

REUTERS

Simpsons veteran makes a date with Showtime

Showtime is developing a dating-themed comedy from a longtime writer/executive producer on The Simpsons.

Kevin and the Chart of Destiny is about a brilliant but lonely market researcher who designs an elaborate "dating system" - as laid out in a complex wall chart - in order to achieve his goal of finding a wife within one year.

The project - created, written and executive produced by Tim Long - will draw from his "own private dating humiliations," he said.

"I was fascinated by the idea of people who are relatively smart at most things in life but tragically inept at dating. This project is a love letter/apology to all the women I took on tragic dates."

Long, who has been happily married for two years,

said his bad dating experiences have included thinking he had a shot with another woman who insisted on splitting the check - "I thought it was a sign that she was interested, but I think her phone number was unlisted within the hour" - and being intimate with a woman who started screaming "Wrong, wrong, wrong!"

"That put thousands of dollars in my therapist's pocket; hopefully this show will put some money back in my own pocket," Long joked.



Tim Long

NCIS veteran stars in CBS comedy

NEW SERIES

Sasha Alexander is returning to CBS. The NCIS alumna has been tapped as the star of The Karenskys, a comedy pilot from Malcolm in the Middle creator Linwood Boomer.

The story centers on a woman who returns to her hometown when her husband's job relocates them, and is reunited with her large, eccentric family. Although she is comfortable with her family's intrusiveness, constant arguing and impulsive behavior, the woman is aware that her husband is far less so.

Alexander played Caitlin "Kate" Todd for two years on CBS' hit crime drama NCIS.



Sasha Alexander

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Reunited, and it feels so good

Word is The Bachelor star Charlie O'Connell and Sarah Brice, whom he offered the token final rose to back in 2005, are back together after they'd broken up last year. EW.COM

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Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

1 Bond movie release

Quantum of Solace, the latest Bond movie in the 007 series, makes its North American debut in theatres today. Though you can't bring a shaken martini into the screening, expect Daniel Craig to shake things up in this action-packed flick.



2 Sasha shines



Nov. 18. Fans were treated to a free preview of the two-disc album, named after her sassy alter ego, earlier this week on MySpace.

3 Christmas parades

Canadian cities are getting ready to welcome Santa to town with their annual parade. The Toronto Santa Claus Parade will take place this Sunday, while Vancouver's version will happen on Dec. 7.



4 Watch pendants

Forget about wearing a watch on your wrist, because the latest trend in telling time should be clasped around your neck. These delicate watch pendants are great for accessorizing winter outfits and keeping you on schedule at the same time.

5 Board game movies

Universal Studios has hired director Ridley Scott to take on the film adaptation of the classic board game Monopoly. Other Hasbro games rumored to be turned into movies include Battleship and Ouija Board.

6 Charcuterie

Never before have headcheese and pâté been so eagerly embraced in the culinary world. This winter, top restaurants around the country are offering charcuterie plates on their menus and introducing diners to the art of cured meat.



Sci Fi signs Sanctuary for second season

TV Sci Fi Channel has renewed Sanctuary for a second season, ordering 13 new hour-long episodes.

Sanctuary, the first TV series to use live-action actors against virtual sets, is set to go into production in Vancouver early next year for a 2009 premiere.

The show follows the adventures of the beautiful,

enigmatic Dr. Helen Magnus (Amanda Tapping), a brilliant scientist who holds the secrets of a clandestine population.

More than 3 million viewers watched the Oct. 3 premiere, making it Sci Fi's highest-rated original series debut since Eureka in July 2006.

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Bounkham J. Sengsavanh, Vancouver

Granville Island Market



"A vision of a beautiful cosmopolitan city bustling and full of energy. ...I wanted people to see what I was seeing and the best way to transmit that was to look thru my 'urban eyes'"

Jean-Luc Laprade, Montreal

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Metro's Global Photo Challenge has drawn 3,890 entries from Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Halifax, and 55,389 international entries. Vote for your favourite Top 10 shot online at metronews.ca/photochallenge until Nov. 23. An international jury will judge the Top 5 photos, and the winner will receive a Nikon D700 DSLR and Nikon 24-70mm F2.8 zoom lens. The photos above are details of the entries. Visit the website to see the full image.

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY



Reveen the Impossibleist

Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

There is no stopping Reveen and his hypnotic powers as the 75-year-old is back to perform again at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium with shows tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. There is only limited seating remaining for each performance with tickets costing \$39. Phone 494-3820 or visit artscentre.dal.ca.



Neptune's Frost/Nixon play

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
The Neptune Theatre

You know the outcome before you take your seat, but Neptune Theatre's Frost/Nixon is still a play that must be seen. Its final four showings take place this weekend with performances tonight at 8 p.m., tomorrow at 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Adult ticket prices range from \$27 to \$45.



Holiday Parade of Lights

Friday, 6 p.m.
Downtown Halifax

If you're itching to get in the holiday spirit, then downtown Halifax is the place for you tomorrow night as 13th annual Holiday Parade Of Lights takes place starting at 6 p.m. The parade will begin on Upper Water Street at Cornwallis Street, continue over Barrington Street before turning right onto Spring Garden Road to South Park to University Avenue.



The Tom Fun Orchestra

Saturday, 10 p.m.
The Seahorse Tavern

Fresh off two big wins at last weekend's Nova Scotia Music Awards Gala Show in New Glasgow, Cape Breton's The Tom Fun Orchestra is putting on a performance tomorrow night with Carmen Townsend at The Seahorse Tavern in Halifax at 10 p.m. Cost is \$10.



Jessica Rhaye & Valdy

Sunday, 8 p.m.
The Alderney Landing Theatre

Still not ready to call it a weekend? Well, join singer-songwriter Jessica Rhaye and folk legend Valdy for a concert at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth on Sunday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students. Phone 461-8401 or visit ticketpro.ca.



Rossini's Barber of Seville

Sunday, 3 p.m.
Lillian Piercey Concert Hall

If opera is your thing, then The St. Cecilia Concert Society is holding a performance of Rossini's beloved comic opera The Barber of Seville on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Lillian Piercey Concert Hall at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts in Halifax. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$10 for students. For ticket information phone 420-4045.

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Halifax' Chris Smith stands between his photograph of the band Motley Crüe, left, and the one inspired from the photograph done by American James Walker, which is part of the Repixx show taking place at Argyle Fine Art over the next two weeks.

Art inspired by photography

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If you walk into Argyle Fine Art over the next two weeks expect to do some double-takes as Halifax music photographer Chris Smith showcases an innovative show titled Repixx.

The show features the work of 15 visual artists who have created original works of art inspired by Smith's photographs. The collaborative works are side-by-side inside Argyle Fine Art with the 15 artists using mediums such as painting, wood-carving, animation, ceramics and fibre sculpture to highlight their individual styles.

"That's been the biggest compliment so far as people are actually looking at the (two different) works," Smith said. "People don't just walk by. They stop and go back and forth to try and find the links between some of them."

Smith came up with the Repixx idea about six

months ago after wanting to come up with a way to collaborate with visual artists. The artists took several months to complete their work, and when the final product came in, it was like Christmas came early for Smith.

"At times, I was totally shocked with what they came up with," said the 34-year-old, who is originally from St. John's but has been living in Halifax for the last five years. "I truly had no idea what was going to come back. It was so nice to see which way people ran with it. It's a cool process."

Some of the musicians being displayed include local talents like Joel Plaskett, Old Man Luedecke and the band Wintersleep. The show officially opens tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. with an opening reception at Argyle Fine Art. The reception will also serve as the closing party for Photopolis, a six-week city-wide celebration of photography that wraps up tomorrow. Repixx is on display until Nov. 24.

Art on the bus

• Who knew taking the bus could be such an artistic experience.

Halifax photographer Hannah Minzloff has images of people riding the subway in Canada and Europe showcased on two Metro Transit buses as part of Photopolis, a six-week city-wide celebration of photography that wraps up tomorrow.

Minzloff's black-and-white work titled Underground includes three photographs on the outside of the bus and 20 on the inside. The buses with the photography on it are being used on Route No. 10 (Dalhousie).

Her images taken from a Russian-made panoramic camera include passengers on the subway, and at the station platform, halls, stairways and escalators.

"I hope it inspires their day on a really basic level," Minzloff said about her work and its effect on passengers. "I also hope it might encourage people to step out of their routine and step into a gallery."

—PHILIP CROUCHER

Entertainment in brief

HIP-HOP Atlantic Canada's first hip-hop freestyle competition known as The Danceoff returns tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Pat's Alexander School on Maitland Street in Halifax. There are three age groups for competitors: four to 12, 13 to 18 and 19-and-over. For more details, go to thedanceoff.ca or e-mail info@thedanceoff.ca.

DANCE Dance For The World is being held tomorrow starting at 7 p.m. at The Church in Halifax on North Street and Fuller Terrace. The wrap-up event to a fall fundraising campaign is in support of CUSO and VSO Canada's Volunteer Partnership Fund. The evening includes dance performances and a live auction. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.

MUSIC Classical guitarist and Dalhousie University alumni Emma Rush is performing a concert tomorrow night at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts Lillian Percy Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. For advance tickets e-mail amcolle@dal.ca

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2 NFL Football Roast Turkey Buffet	3 3 X ballots Points Sale (While supplies last)	4 Your Club Slot Tourney/BJ Tourney Lucky Seat Draws All-you-can-eat Pasta	5 Battle for Bucks 4 2 X ballots	6 3 X ballots Seniors \$5.99 Buffet	7 High Flying Fridays Roast Beef Buffet Shaydid	8
9 NFL Football Roast Turkey Buffet	10 Closed at 11:59pm 3 X ballots	11  Remembrance Day Casino Closed	12 Open at 10am 2 X ballots Classic Albums Live (Led Zeppelin IV)	13 3 X ballots Seniors \$5.99 Buffet	14 High Flying Fridays Roast Beef Buffet Big Fish	15 Sharks Only Poker Tournament
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Wolf child
Former Party Of Five star Scott Wolf is expecting his first child. The actor and his wife Kelly are expecting a baby boy, he said. The couple did not reveal a due date. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Aniston all about honesty

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston has played down scathing comments she made about actress Angelina Jolie in a recent interview, insisting she answered questions "as honestly" as she could, imdb.com reports.

The actress blasted Jolie as "uncool" in a candid chat with Vogue magazine, just weeks after her ex-husband Brad Pitt's partner revealed they fell in love on the set of 2005 movie Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Aniston and Pitt split in 2005, after which Pitt set up home with Jolie, becoming a father to three adopted children, as well as having another three biological babies with her.

Aniston opened up again in an interview with talk-show host Oprah Winfrey,

admitting she decided to finally pass comment on Jolie's behaviour because she wanted to be truthful.

When quizzed on the revelation by Winfrey on her show, which was scheduled to air yesterday, Aniston explains, "I basically just answered it (Jolie question) as honestly as I could."

But Aniston refused to bash her ex-partner, insisting she is proud of Pitt's achievements since they decided to divorce.

"He's done some amazing things."

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Miley stays mum on rumoured romance

RELATIONSHIP Teen star Miley Cyrus has vowed to keep her lips locked about her love life, insisting she's "thrown away the key" when quizzed about boyfriend Justin Gaston, imdb.com reports. The 15-year-old Hannah Montana star has admitted to dating Gaston, five years her senior, as their relationship has heated up in recent months.

But Cyrus insists she has had enough of the relentless rumours about her love life, since her romance with singer Nick Jonas reportedly sparked a love rivalry with fellow teen star Selena Gomez earlier this year. When asked about her boyfriend on Good Morning America, Cyrus hesitates: "Um, I'm going to keep that one zip-tight, locked and throw away the key."

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A-rod's affection makes Madonna all mushy

POET? Pop star Madonna and baseball star Alex Rodriguez are turning to mush over each other, PageSix.com reports. Sources close to Madonna tell the Chicago Sun-Times she's so smitten with her rumoured Yankee lover, she told a friend, he "has the heart of a poet trapped inside an insanely gorgeous body." Rodriguez, meanwhile, has reportedly been writing "sweet, personal expressions of his feelings."

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Paris gets friendly with Harry's girl

FRIENDS Paris Hilton may have her sights set on a regal Best Friend Forever — she's hit it off with Prince Harry's girlfriend, imdb.com reports. The hotel heiress met

Chelsy Davy on a night out in London last month, and Hilton was reportedly enraptured with Davy.

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J. Lo wants one more child

BABY Jennifer Lopez is reportedly "trying to make one more baby" with husband Marc Anthony, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer/actress, who welcomed her first children, twins Max and Emme, into the world in February, is said to be trying to conceive again.

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Portman 'homeless'

HOME Natalie Portman is having "trouble" living at home with her parents again, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress, who recently moved back home, admits there are some aspects of returning to her childhood house that are causing issues. "I'm homeless at the moment so I am

residing with my parents. It's rough. It was cool in the beginning because I got good meals and my laundry done but it turns into trouble," she is quoted as saying. It was recently revealed Portman and her boyfriend Devendra Banhart are no longer dating. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Pregnancy follows Changeling role

KIDS Angelina Jolie's new film role as a desperate mom in Changeling helped leave her pregnant with twins, the actress confesses. Jolie said she became pregnant with Knox and Vivienne while shooting the movie, in which she plays a real-life woman who fought the police when they mistook another boy for her missing son. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Kanye on search for Miss Right

MARRIAGE Kanye West is looking for Miss Right, People.com reports. ?? "I want to have kids," he says. "But I want to have the right girl too — someone who really cares about me." ?? **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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